

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 URGING THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE GHOST RANCH  
3 EDUCATIONAL AND RETREAT CENTER TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS THAT  
4 RESULT IN THE OPENING OF THE GHOST RANCH PIEDRA LUMBRE  
5 VISITOR AND EDUCATION CENTER.

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7 WHEREAS, Ghost Ranch is a national educational and  
8 retreat center owned by the Presbyterian church; and

9 WHEREAS, the closed Piedra Lumbre visitor center is  
10 located on United States forest service land adjacent to  
11 Ghost Ranch; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States forest service approached  
13 Ghost Ranch about operating the visitor center, and from  
14 those discussions a concept has evolved for a Ghost Ranch  
15 Piedra Lumbre visitor and education center; and

16 WHEREAS, such a center would encourage appreciation of  
17 northern New Mexico culture and traditions; provide  
18 environmental education in land management, ecology and water  
19 research, paleontology, geology and archaeology; and provide  
20 an economic stimulus by encouraging increased tourist  
21 activity and job development in Rio Arriba county; and

22 WHEREAS, a visitor and education center would be  
23 financially viable with the support of Ghost Ranch and the  
24 United States forest service;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it endorse the discussions between  
2 Ghost Ranch and the United States forest service regarding  
3 the opening of the Ghost Ranch Piedra Lumbre visitor and  
4 education center with the hope that those discussions  
5 conclude successfully with the opening of the center; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to Ghost Ranch and the United States forest  
8 service. \_\_\_\_\_

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